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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear AASHE Board of Directors and STARS Steering Committee:

Western Kentucky University is a proud member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. As an institution committed to sustainability in our operations, services, and academics, we find AASHE resources extremely helpful. Our faculty and staff have benefitted from AASHE professional development opportunities and our students utilize the AASHE case studies and the extensive library of information on the AASHE website. We sincerely appreciate AASHE's mission to *empower higher education to lead the sustainability transformation*.

WKU is particularly pleased to participate in the AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System. The process of tracking and documenting our sustainability efforts has been an informing exercise, and measuring our progress will certainly prove to be helpful in our endeavors to improve and advance sustainability.

The information provided in the WKU STARS submission was researched and compiled under the direction of the WKU Sustainability Coordinator, Christian Ryan-Downing. Individuals from across campus assisted in providing relevant data and several student interns assisted with the endeavor, which proved to be a valuable learning experience for them. There were some areas in which data was unavailable, resulting in inability to earn the credit, and in several cases we learned that data could be collected differently for greater ease of reporting. With this new awareness, we will be better prepared for the next reporting period. That being said, I am confident that the information reported is accurate and complete to the greatest degree possible.

Sincerely,



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